

REMARKS

Claims 10-16 are pending in the present application. No claims are amended herein.

Rejection of Claims 10-16 for Obviousness-type Double Patenting.

Claims 10-13 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 6, 12, 18 and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 5,681,634 in view of Anezaki, U.S. Patent No. 5,202,171. Claims 14-16 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 6, 12, 18 and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 5,681,634 in view of Sugaya et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,459,712.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Applicants' claims on the asserted bases.

However, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 5,681,634. Accordingly, the rejections for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 6, 12, 18 and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 5,681,634 should be withdrawn. Notice to such effect is requested.

Objection to Reissue Declaration.

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application has been objected to as defective on the alleged basis that the error which is relied upon to support the reissue application is not an error upon which a reissue can be based. Although Applicants respectfully submit that the reissue oath/declaration was not defective, Applicants submit herewith a newly executed reissue oath/declaration, consistent with the information regarding required content provided by the Examiner to the Applicants' attorney.

Accordingly, the objection to the reissue oath/declaration should be withdrawn. Notice to such effect is requested.

Conclusion

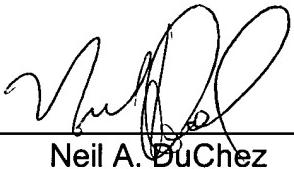
Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of Applicants' claims based on the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections to reissue oath/declaration based on the new reissue oath/declaration submitted herewith, and allowance of the application. Applicants submit that the present reissue application is in condition for allowance.

In the event issues arise as a result of the filing of this paper, or remain in the prosecution of this application, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance of the application. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. YAMAP0398USD.

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